GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CROP SIZE OF TOBACCO
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has considered the representation made by the farmers of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka to take a decision on the crop size of tobacco;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government has taken decision in this regard;

(c) whether Tobacco Board has fixed Virginia tobacco crop size in Andhra Pradesh at 111.06 million kgs. in 2004-05, which is of the same level as previous season;

(d) if so, whether the Union Government has decided a different size crop in Karnataka; and

(e) if so, the main reason for fixing different crop size for Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHR1 E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a)(b) & (d) Yes, Sir. The crop size of Flue Cured Virginia (FCV) tobacco for the States of Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh is fixed by the Tobacco Board On a reference by the Tobacco Board the crop size for 2004-05 of Karnataka has been fixed at 67 million kilograms by the Government.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(e) The crop size of the two states is fixed keeping in view demand projection from the trade, trends in export, earn,- over stocks, customer preference etc.